

REMARKS


This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2004 and specifically in response to the restriction requirement. Applicant hereby elects Species VI, the laminate as claimed in claim 37.

Claims 32-36 and 38-42, considered by the Examiner to be to distinct species I-V, are withdrawn from further consideration.

However, claims 38-42 include all the limitations of claim 37. Claim 38 is claim 37 further comprising a reinforcing scrim between the polymeric sheet and the outer layer of metal foil. Claim 39 is claim 37 further comprising a reinforcing scrim between the polymeric sheet and the inner layer of metal foil. Claim 40 is claim 37 further comprising an inner polymeric sheet and an air bubble pervaded polymeric sheet between the inner layer of metal foil and the polymeric sheet (of claim 37). Claim 41 is claim 37 further comprising a reinforcing scrim, an inner polymeric sheet and an air bubble permeated polymeric sheet between the inner layer of metal foil and the polymeric sheet (of claim 37). Claim 42 is claim 37 further comprising an air bubble permeated polymeric sheet, an outer polymeric sheet and a reinforcing scrim between the polymeric sheet (of claim 37) and the outer layer of metal foil.

The Examiner has indicated that, upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims which include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. Applicant submits that, if claim 37 is allowed, claims 38-42 should also be allowed. If claims 38-42 are allowed, claims 38 and 39, lines 6, should be amended to change "inner layer of metal foil" to --polymeric sheet--, an inadvertent error in the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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